(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list of items brought under compulsory pre-shipment inspection is under constant review. As a result of such review, the following commodities have been taken out of the purview of compulsory pre-shipment inspection under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963) during the last three years;

(a) Fish Meal

(b) The following seven varieties of dried fish:
(i) Spratts/Anchovis (ii) Kooney (Jawla), (iii) Prawns without shell, (iv) Prawns with sheel (kardi), (v) Shark, (vi) Dried Bombay Duck (vii) Laminated Bombay Duck.

**American Experts' views on India's Internal Policies for Development**

2007. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Ground reealities unchanged in India—says American Express" as reported in the 'Statesman', Calcutta dated the 6th March, 1995;

(b) whether it is a fact that visits of American officials have been tending more to a shift of internal policies, than extending cooperation for India's development;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have not worked out to check the imbalances; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Marine Exports**

2008. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total marine exports from India during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether there has been fall in the export of marine products; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to increase the exports of marine products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total marine exports from India during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 has been as follows:—

| Year | Qty. (M. tons) | Value (Rs. Crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 171820 | 1375.89 |
| 1992-93 | 209025 | 1768.56 |
| 1993-94 | 243960 | 2503.62 |

(b) The Yearly export of marine products both in terms of quantity and value has generally been increasing.

(c) Does not arise.

**Licensing of Export Houses**

2009. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many categories of Export Houses have been licensed by Government;

(b) what is the total number of export houses under different categories recognised, Statewise;

(c) what the total export by the export houses during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(d) whether any cases of misuse of the benefits given to exports houses have been reported;

(e) if so, what action has been taken so far; and

(f) how many export houses have been de-recognised on this count?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As per the criteria fixed under para 137 of the Exim Policy status certificates are awarded to exporters designating them as Export Houses, Trading Houses, Star Trading Houses and Super Star Trading Houses.

(b) The total number of Export Houses under different categories (Statewise) as on 20.3.95 is given in Annexure. (*See appendix* 173, *Annexure No.* 47).

(c) According to information furnished by Federation of Indian Export Organisation, the total export made by Export Houses/Trading Houses/Star Trading Houses/super Star Trading Houses is as under:—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1992-93 | Rs. 34726 Crores |
| 1993-94 | Rs. 45026 Crores |
| 1994-95 (April-Sept.) | Rs. 23500 Crores |

(d) to (f) Three cases where misuse of benefits was mad by Export Houses were reported. Two firms out of the three have been debarred as per provision of the Import Control Order 1955 and their cases have also been handed-over to CBI, while in the third case a Show Cause Notice for debarment has been issued by this directorate and also their case has been handed-over to CBI for investigation.

**Supply of Imported Sugar to FCI by MMTC**

2010. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has supplied the imported sugar to Food Corporation of India for Public distribution system; and

(b) if so, the rate per tonne at which the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has imported the sugar and supplied to the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average price of sugar imported by MMTC and sold to FCI on high seas basis works out to around US $ 383 per tonne C&F. In addition, in terms of extent procedure, FCI is to pay MMTC overhead/service charges @ 1.2% of CIF cost of each cargo.

**Joint Venture with Vietnam and Signapore**

2011. SHRI RAJU BHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during Prime Minister's visit to Vietnam and Singapore and thereafter joint ventures were signed with Vietnamese and Signapore enterpreneurs;

(b) if so,the details thereof, indicating the total investments undertaken by entrepreneurs from the two countries; and

(c) how far the ceiling of 5 million, that an Indian can invest in an overseas project has curbed these investments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, During the Prime Minister's visit to Vietnam and Singapore and thereafter several Joint Venture agreements have been signed between Indian and Foreign corporate entities. The details and indicated in the enclosed statements I to III (*see* below).

(c) There is no ceiling of 5 million on Indian overseas investment.